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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 102 million eggs during August, up 11 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 80 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,420,000 birds, up 1 percent from 4,390,000 a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,308 eggs, compared with 2,096 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.74 billion during August 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.67 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,301 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2010.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES**

During the month of August, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.1 million chicks, down 12 percent from last year's 21.6 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2011 totaled 761 million, down 5 percent from August 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 601 million on September 1, 2011, down 6 percent from a year earlier.